minimum capital adequacy norms set by Reserve Bank of India and to enable the banks to expand their operations, Government have decided to accept the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee on banking sector reforms for reducing the requirement of minimum share holding by Government in nationalised banks to 33 per cent without changing the public sector character of banks. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for Government's holding one 'golden share' with veto power.

Fiscal Responsibility Act

3292. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Willi the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Fiscal Responsibility Act is proposed to be enacted in the current session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what further steps are proposed to be taken to restore the credibility of the annual budget exercise and revive the fiscal discipline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Economic Affairs) to go into various aspects of the matter concerning enactment of a 'Fiscal Responsibility Act' and recommend a draft legislation. The exercise is intended for medium-term management of the fiscal deficit with the support of an appropriate institutional mechanism embodied in a Fiscal Responsibility Act. The Finance Minister in the Budget Speech 2000-01 has indicated that the Government wishes to bring the necessary legislative proposals to the Parliament during the course of the year.

Economic Terrorism

3293. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic terrorism like drug smuggging, gold smuggling and inflow of counter-feit currency has increased considerably on account of ISI activities for the last three months;